

## A BIT OF VERSE

Original and Requested Poems

## To My Son.

Do you know that your soul is of my  
soul such part,  
That you seem to be fibre and core of  
my heart?  
None other can pain me, as you, dear;  
None other can do;  
None other can please me, or praise me,  
as you.  
Remember the world will be quick with  
its blame,  
If shadow or stain ever darkened your  
name.  
"Like mother, like son," is a saying so  
true,  
The world will judge largely of "Mother"  
by you.  
Be yours, then, the task, if task it shall be,  
To force the proud world to do homage  
to me;  
Be sure it will say, when its verdict you've  
won—  
"She reaps as she sowed, for this man is  
her son."

## To Mother.

There's not a sweeter name I know  
Than mother's name,  
And many of life's joys I owe  
To mother.  
There's nothing sweeter here on earth,  
Yet seldom do we know the worth  
Of mother.

When heavy clouds around us hover,  
And angry winds around us blow,  
It is the loving help of mother,  
That God has sent, the way to show.

Though sometimes we may lose our hold—  
Bewildered by earth's charms—  
She's ever ready to enfold  
Us in her loving arms.

Though mother's face may care-worn be,  
Her love is just the same,  
And dearer far to me is she  
Than can be wealth or fame.

"What is life here," you often say,  
"Without a mother?"  
That I may never know, I pray,  
For all is mother.  
There's nothing sweeter here on earth,  
Yet seldom do we know the worth  
Of mother.

CORA T.

## The Rainbow Duck.

A waddling duck, discreet and prim,  
By E. L. Frost was owned.  
Like Mary's lamb it followed him,  
No matter how he roamed.

He painted her a crimson line,  
To "Monty's" hue did stain,  
She used a quart of turpentine  
In washing off the stain.

Despite her protest 'gainst abuse,  
Her trouble did not mend,  
St. Patrick's Day was Frost's excuse,  
A pigment fresh to blend.

He colored her an emerald green,  
Amidst fore and aft,  
While Sons of Erin viewed the scene,  
And cheered and cheered and laughed.

Just here there is some room for doubt—  
Since Frost denied the fact—  
Yet paint, like murder, soon "will out,"  
When taken in the act.

Some say a necktie was the thing,  
With red-trimmed buttons gay,  
Which trimmed the duck above the wings,  
A four-in-hand array.

Bedizened thus, poor Madam Duck,  
Was hailed to Montauk,  
Who gave a genial wink for luck,  
And knew just what to do.

"Ho, cockle! from the kitchen fly,  
This gaudy creature take,  
Your culinary role apply,  
And reputation make."

"Since storage cold has been our bane,  
The prices roost so high,  
My month has watered, but—in vain,  
I cannot tell a lie."

"She mete this fowl of varied dye,  
To feed for meat for me,  
First white, then red, then green, so I  
Will have it brown for tea."

LENOXI.  
All fair and "white" our childhood  
gleams,  
But as we older grow,  
A rosy "red" our youthful dreams,  
Like wind-tossed blossoms blown,  
Experience is the bitter bread,  
That's eaten when we're "green."

Yet long before we're fully fed,  
"Done Brown" are we I ween.  
N. B.—My sympathies are all with  
the duck, for though we may be, in turn,  
white, red, green and brown, yet, no one  
desires to "pick our bones," probably  
because the "bread of Experience—Life's  
gull bag—has given us a bitter flavor."

A. C. STOVER,  
No. 223 West Cary Street, City.

"What Fools These Mortals Be."  
Kings have a game they sometimes play,  
They call it war—



## Through the Mazes of the Dance

When one's thoughts float to realms  
of bliss, when our fancies run full  
of the sublime sentiment, then we  
realize the beauty that we live  
for.

With a Piano in the House  
the sunny days of our existence will  
come more frequently. Ask your  
friends who own pianos—they'll  
tell you it's true.

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RICHMOND, VA.  
J. G. CORLEY, Mgr.

Like puppets moved upon the board—  
The people are  
Sometimes the people cry and moan,  
They're foolish things,  
They should be proud and happy, just  
To serve their kings.

For if two mighty monarchs meet,  
And chance to quarrel,  
Because one says a horse is black,  
And 'tother sorrel.  
They call for war and prove thereby  
Their lofty station,  
It costs ten thousand lives, but saves  
A reputation.

And if the people toll and sweat,  
It matters not,  
So nobles lol in luxury—  
They're glib!  
If politicians rule the land  
And people rob—  
What matters if the world goes wrong,  
It saves their jobs!

Myriads of mountains do we find  
Of mole hills made—  
And kingly men toll in the dust—  
While knaves parade.  
The brutish dine on fatted calves  
While wise men toll—  
And justice stands with folded hands  
While thieves despoil.

EDWARD POW HATAN BUFORD.  
The Bow of Avon.

(Published by request.)  
The late Dr. Walker F. Jones, who  
died in his home in Gloucester county  
last April, and who had practiced medi-  
cine over forty years, wrote the follow-  
ing verses when he was yet quite a young  
man:

Oh! Bow of Avon, whence thy power,  
If thou wert mortal born!  
What goddess blessed thy natal hour?  
What god did thee adorn.

With thoughts and feelings far beyond  
The minds of common men?  
Did intuition teach thee, man,  
Or what did guide thy pen?

Wert thou thyself a god,  
An airy visitant of earth?  
Could'st thou feel chastisement's rod  
Like one of mortal birth?

Where fountest thou the glass  
Of such rare virtues tried,  
With which thou could'st so surely trace  
The thoughts all strive to hide?

Had'st thou the power to feel that love  
in Romeo drawn so well?  
Or Shylock's hate, would that thee move  
With heart more black than Hell.

That sin by which the angels fell,  
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Thou makest Wesley mourn,  
As if thy heart did echo back  
His foiled ambition's groan.

Thou tellest how Anthony lost a world  
For Cleopatra's smile;  
Could'st woman's charms e'er make thee  
mad,  
Or thus thy heart beguile?

What ancient spirit came to thee  
And told of time gone by?  
Of Brutus, then, whose love for Rome  
Made god-like Caesar die.

Or Cassius, with lean and hungry look,  
And deep, designing mind,  
Where pious spirit ne'er could brook  
A greater of his kind.

In dark Othello thou hast shown  
With all-conquering skill  
The green-eyed monster's deadly power  
To work man to his will.  
Thy words thou didst fulfill,  
Thou comest under a heavy smile  
And in Iago's treacherous gulf  
And they be villains still.

## THE CINCINNATI.

Col. Benneham Cameron Makes  
an Interesting Find.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
GREENSBORO, N. C., April 8.—Colonel  
Benneham Cameron, whose services in  
connection with the Society of the Cin-  
cinnati, were invaluable in securing an  
appropriation from Congress for the  
erection of monuments to General Nash  
and Davidson is greatly interested in  
the progress of work on these monu-  
ments, now being constructed at the  
Guilford battle ground, says that he hopes  
the ceremonies attending the unveiling on  
the 4th of July will be made the great-  
est event ever held at this spot, and  
that the famous Revolutionary battlefield.  
He spent the night here, remaining over from  
the meeting of the Board of Directors of  
the North Carolina Railroad. The Gen-  
eral Society of the Cincinnati will hold its  
annual meeting in May, in Richmond,  
Va., and it was with a splendid taste  
for the Battle Ground Company that he  
not only send representatives to this meet-  
ing and invite their co-operation in the  
ceremonies, but to tender to the North  
Carolina officials of the order, an ac-  
ceptance of a divided responsibility and  
honor with the company of the Fourth  
of July celebration this year. A promi-  
nent citizen of Greensboro, in speaking  
along this line last night, said he had no  
doubt but that the company would not cut  
this suggestion at once, if no such step  
had already been taken.

Colonel Cameron was in splendid spirits  
last night over a letter he actually stum-  
bled across among some old family pa-  
pers the night before. It is a letter of  
four pages perfectly legible, written by  
General Nash in 1783 to General Cam-  
eron, the great-grandfather of the col-  
onel's. It was written just prior to his  
marriage, conveying the intelligence of  
the coming event, and asking Mr. Cam-  
eron for the loan of a cavalry horse, in  
addition to other interesting social items.

Added interest attaches to the letter  
from the fact that Mr. Nash congratulated  
Mr. Cameron on his approaching mar-  
riage. The letter is in a splendid hand-  
writing, yet in a postscript appear the  
words "Excuse this d-d pen."

SENATORIAL FIGHT.

Canvass in Amherst and Nelson  
Hinges on School Question.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
AMHERST, VA., April 8.—The public  
school question promises to figure quite  
prominently in the campaign for the  
Democratic nomination for the State Sen-  
ate from the Nineteenth Senatorial District,  
composed of Amherst and Nelson counties,  
which is now being waged between Bland  
Massie, of Nelson, the present incumbent,  
and Aubrey E. Strode, of Amherst, who  
is opposing him.

In his card announcing his candidacy  
for the nomination, Mr. Massie says that  
he has done everything within his power  
during his term of office to foster and  
uphold the public schools of the State  
and that when the people of the State  
are willing to be taxed more, they can  
have both better schools and longer  
terms. He says that the service is  
property to the money.

In an article published in the Amherst  
Progress this week Mr. Strode takes  
issue with Mr. Massie and says that the  
school terms can be lengthened and the  
pay of the teachers increased by act of the  
Legislature without any increase in the  
tax rate, and he calls upon Mr. Massie  
to specify what services he has rendered  
in promotion of the public schools of  
his senatorial district. He comes out  
squarely in favor of a larger State ap-  
propriation for the public schools and  
takes the position that the congested  
wealth of the cities should be made to  
bear a part of the expense of educating  
the children of the poorer rural districts.

LEESBURG, VA.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LEESBURG, VA., April 8.—Sheriff H.  
H. Russell left this week for Roanoke,  
Va., to attend the trial of a man charged  
with the murder of a woman.

April term of the Circuit Court of Lou-  
don county will convene here on Mon-  
day.

Mr. Lyman Sheppard, an electrician,  
of Newberne, N. C., is visiting friends  
and relatives here.

Mr. Hickman and Julius Graham, of  
this place, representing a pork packing  
firm, contemplate establishing a factory  
in Alexandria, Va.

Mr. Henry Saunders, of this place,  
was thrown from his horse and painful-  
ly injured during the public hunt of the  
London Hunt Club near the town on Fri-  
day.

P. A. Houser, of Ashburn, died at  
his home in that town on Sunday, aged  
62 years.

A local option election will be held  
in Leesburg on April 11. The Anti-Saloon  
League is making vigorous efforts to  
carry the town against the licensed sale  
of liquor.

Rev. James Cannon, Jr., D. D., presi-  
dent of the Anti-Saloon League, and  
editor of the Baltimore Christian Advo-  
cate, delivered a lecture in this town on  
Friday night. It was largely  
attended.

Miss Annie E. Payne, daughter of Mr.  
Bernard Payne, of Fauquier county, and  
Jessie L. Payne, of the same county, were  
married in Leesburg on Thursday.

Mathews, Matters.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
MATTHEWS COTTAGE, VA., April 8.—  
Mrs. C. M. Matthews, of Norfolk, was  
expected at "Poplar Grove" Saturday.

Miss Virginia Dipp, who has been  
visiting Miss William K. Dipp, who has  
been visiting her beautiful home, "Green  
Maline," Emma Lee Smith, whose school  
closed some weeks ago, after visiting  
friends, returned to her home, near Char-  
lottesville, Tuesday.

Mrs. Shepard Miller and Miss Bessie  
Miller, after spending some time at their  
country home "Spring Hill," left for  
Baltimore Tuesday.

Mr. Frank Phillips, after staying some  
months in Richmond, has returned home.  
Mr. E. W. Brown, left for Norfolk  
Wednesday, accompanied by his little  
daughter, Irene Constance, who will  
spend a few days with her aunt.

Miss Ruth Foster, of Baltimore, is ex-  
pected to visit at "Aspen Hall" this  
week.

Mr. Alton Lewine Kibler, the principal  
of Port Howard Academy, expects his  
sister, a student of the Peabody Institute  
in Baltimore, to spend the Easter hol-  
days in Matthews.

Mrs. J. E. Marchant, after spending  
several weeks in Baltimore, has returned  
home.

Miss Susie Healy is in Baltimore.  
Rev. J. W. H. H. is in the county  
Tuesday and is at Mr. W. E. Pickett's,  
with his wife and Master William Ellis  
Troy.

## POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded  
your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few  
minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a  
bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Eliot Norton.

No. 465.

## THE FUTURE LIFE.

By WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical  
sketch, have already been printed in this series.

HOW shall I know thee in the sphere which keeps  
The disembodied spirits of the dead,  
When all of thee that time could wither sleeps  
And perishes among the dust we tread?

For I shall feel the sting of ceaseless pain  
If there I meet thy gentle presence not;  
Nor hear the voice I love, nor read again  
In thy serene eyes the tender thought.

Will not thy own meek heart demand me there?  
That heart whose fondest throbs to me were given;  
My name on earth was ever in thy prayer,  
And wilt thou never utter it in heaven?

In meadows fanned by heaven's life-breathing wind,  
In the resplendence of that glorious sphere,  
And larger movements of the unfettered mind,  
Wilt thou forget the love that joined us here?

The love that lived through all the stormy past,  
And meekly with my harsher nature bore,  
And deeper grew, and tender to the last,  
Shall it expire with life, and be no more?

A happier lot than mine and larger light,  
Await thee there; for thou hast bowed thy will  
In cheerful homage to the rule of right,  
And lovest all, and renderest good for ill.

For me, the sordid cares in which I dwell,  
Shrink and consume my heart, as heat the scroll;  
And wrath has left its scar—that fire of hell  
Has left its frightful scar upon my soul.

Yet though thou wear'st the glory of the sky,  
Wilt thou not keep the same beloved name,  
The same fair, thoughtful brow, and gentle eye,  
Lovell in heaven's sweet light, yet the same?

Shalt thou not teach me, in that calmer home,  
The wisdom that I learned so ill in this—  
The wisdom which is love—till I become  
Thy fit companion in that land of bliss?

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## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

April 9th.

1483—Edward IV. of England, died. He  
disputed the crown with Henry VI.  
and involved the kingdom in war.  
The death of the latter, when he  
ascended the throne unmolested.

1547—Edward VI. succeeded to the throne  
of England on the death of Henry  
VIII.

1609—Hudson left the Texel on his mem-  
orable voyage of discovery in the  
"Half Moon," of forty last  
(80 tons) burden; a size which easily  
admits the supposition that he as-  
cended the river as far as Half  
Moon or Waterford.

1626—Francis Bacon, an English philoso-  
pher, died, aged sixty-six. At the  
age of thirteen he entered the uni-  
versity, where he made the most as-  
tonishing progress in all the sciences  
then taught, and at the age of six-  
teen he was elected to the Aristotlean  
chair. He succeeded rapidly in  
office under government and in 1619  
was appointed lord high chancellor  
of England and baron of Verulam.

1648—A great insurrection of the people  
of London by reason of the parlia-  
ment abolishing holidays.

1780—Charleston invaded by the British  
land and naval forces under Sir  
Henry Clinton.

1795—An act for the encouragement of  
common schools passed by the legis-  
lature of New York.

1796—A British squadron under Sir Ed-  
ward Pellew captured a large French  
convoy, under the protection of La  
Volage, 25 guns, which was driven  
on shore.

1804—There was a great tide of immigra-  
tion across the Alleghany mountains  
into Ohio and up the Mississippi and  
Missouri valleys.

1813—The Chesapeake frigate, Captain  
Evans, returned to Boston from a  
cruise, having captured during an ab-  
sence of four months two British  
brigs and one ship, one American  
brig with a British license and a  
schooner.

1855—All the English and French batteries  
opened on Sebastopol, and continued  
incessantly through the night and  
following day. The Russian loss was  
acknowledged by Gortschakoff at  
833 killed and wounded.

1864—Schuyler Colfax offered a resolu-  
tion to expel Representative Long,  
of Ohio, from the National House of  
Representatives, because Long had  
declared he would rather recognize  
the Confederacy than continue the  
"subjugation of the South."

1865—Surrender of Lee.  
1866—Civil Rights bill.  
1899—Stephen J. Field died.

1903—United States Circuit Court of Ap-  
peals, sitting at St. Louis, handed  
down a decision in the case of the  
Southern Securities Company; the  
company was enjoined from  
voting the stock of the Northern Pa-  
cific or the Great Northern Railroad  
Companies.

1903—Three killed and five seriously in-  
jured by the explosion of a 12-inch  
gun during target practice on the bat-  
tle ship Iowa.

1904—Ex-Queen Isabella, of Spain, died  
at Paris.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

April 10th.

1834—James Currier sailed from France  
with a view to the establishment of  
a colony. He arrived at Newfound-  
land in May, and named the Gulf St.  
Lawrence, from his entering it on  
the day of that festival. He return-  
ed without effecting a settlement.

1903—A couple of vessels, fitted out by  
the mayor and aldermen of Bristol,  
under the command of Martin Pring,  
to make discoveries on the north of  
Virginia, and collect mammals, sail-  
ed for the American coast. The sea-  
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1606—The colony of Virginia, as it was  
called, divided by the king into two  
colonies. Although 100 years had  
elapsed since the discovery of the  
country by the Cabots, in the ser-  
vice of Henry VII., the English had  
made no effectual settlement in the  
new world. Twenty years had  
elapsed since Walter Raleigh at-  
tempted the settlement of a colony  
in Virginia, but not an Englishman  
was now to be found in the country.

1653—Oliver Cromwell having turned out  
the long parliament, locked the  
doors upon them.

1794—The islands of the Saints, in the  
West Indies, captured by the British.

1804—Several Americans were imprison-  
ed in France on suspicion of being  
dangerously unfriendly to Napoleon.

1806—Horatio Gates, a distinguished of-  
ficer in the revolutionary war, died.  
He came over from England as a  
soldier and at the defeat of Brad-  
dock, 1755, was shot through the  
body. He joined the American army  
in 1775, and in 1777 captured Ber-  
goyne. He was afterwards defeat-  
ed by Cornwallis at Camden. In 1790  
he liberated his slaves in Virginia and  
removed to New York, where he died.

1816—The bank of the United States in-  
corporated by act of Congress, with  
a capital of \$35,000,000.

1829—The House of Representatives passed  
a bill authorizing a government  
loan of \$3,200,000, which was criti-  
cized as being too large an addition  
to the public debt.

1859—The Americans under Lieutenant  
Green attacked 200 Costa Ricans,  
killed 27 of them and dispersed the  
rest. American loss 1 killed and 2  
wounded.

1860—A company of 308 men left New  
York to join General Walker in  
Nicaragua.

1874—Members of the Vanderbilt family  
proposed what was called an "under-  
ground" subway for a railroad on iron  
columns above New York streets.

1897—D. W. Voorhees died.

1903—The Moro Fort, at Bacolod, Philip-  
pines was captured by a force under  
Captain Pershing.

1903—Powder arsenal at Canton, China,  
destroyed by an explosion, more than  
100 killed.

DO NOT NEGLECT A BAD COLD.  
Never allow a cold to take its course.  
Too often at this season of the year the  
cough is toward pneumonia. Chamber-  
cough Remedy will promptly cure  
coughs and counteract any tendency  
in this direction. There is nothing better  
for acute threatened lung troubles. For  
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dollar for which I will sell them. I am no believer in the three or four price  
idea. Everybody's dollar has the same value with me.